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Judge Marlene Kristovich will swear in the 2009 Board and speak to the membership.

Judge Marlene Kristovich and her father Baldo Kristovich are members of SCRW&M of many years standing. Judge Kristovich is most frequently seen at the December meetings when she swears in the elected Board for the coming year.

Judge Kristovich currently serves as an elected judge on the Los Angeles Superior Court, Department 80. She has been a trial attorney for United States Department of Justice and a litigation attorney for the U S Treasury Dept.

In 1996 she represented the United States Department of State in Armenia and Uzbekistan helping them set up their Courts under their new Constitutions and evaluate human rights violations.

Judge Kristovich earned her Bachelor of Science degree (in Accounting) at the University of Southern California and gained her Juris Doctorate at Loyola Law School of Los Angeles.

We are pleased and honored to have Judge Kristovich perform the swearing in of the 2009 Southern California Republican Women and Men Board.

Southern California Republican Women and Men **Mission Statement.**

1. To work to preserve and maintain the Constitution of the United States of America.
2. To promote a wider knowledge of the principles of our government.
3. To promote a greater appreciation of our American heritage.
4. To support and promote the Republican Party.
5. To cooperate with other Republican organizations and groups in the election of Republican candidates provided the organizations and candidates have the same fundamental objectives as SCRW&M.
6. To encourage active participation in political affairs on the local, state, and national levels.
7. To educate members and the public on the value of different points of view on issues; and,
8. To educate members and the community about the Republican Party and to assist with finding and promoting potential Republican candidates.

From the President's Desk---

Brenda Montaine

Happy Holiday Greetings from your Southern California Republican Women and Men President!

Thank you to everyone who attended our November luncheon. Your attendance, participation and membership are appreciated. Special

thanks to club friend, Larry Greenfield, our November guest speaker who helped break down and explain the 2008 presidential election. Larry is a wealth of information. I'm still a little depressed over the election results; however I'm excited for what we could come back with in 2010 and 2012. I will refrain from any Obama bashing for I have the utmost respect for my county and the office of the presidency.

Special thanks to the diligence of this year's nominating committee: Barbara Smith, Irene Stiny, and Rick Montaine. We have elected our 2008 officers to their second terms of office. Our executive board officers begin their 2009 term at our December 13th, 2008 luncheon.

It is time to renew for 2009. Regular memberships are only \$25 a year with options to upgrade to Patron, Golden, Eagle, and Patriot. Upgrading memberships allow SCRW&M to comp guest speaker lunches, purchase awards, and purchase the special Smoke House Restaurant famous garlic bread. Membership in SCRW&M allows members to continue to join us at the \$25 membership luncheon price, choose to have a hard copy of the newsletter mailed, vote on club business/positions, and have their guests receive the \$25 luncheon price.

Our last meeting of 2008 is Saturday, December 13th. This meeting will include a 1:00 p.m. swearing in ceremony of officers by Judge Marlene Kristovich. Judge Kristovich is always willing to fit us in to her busy schedule. Please go out of your way to thank her. Prime rib lunch service on Saturday, December 13th, 2008 will

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**Executive Board**

Brenda Montaine	President
Eldon Quick	1st Vice President
Michael Lerew	2nd Vice President
Jeffers Dodge	3rd Vice President
William Saracino	Treasurer
Susan Quick	Recording Secretary
Louise C. Stone	Corresponding Secretary

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Hospitality	
Forum	Michael Lerew
Newsletter Editor	Susan & Eldon Quick
Reservations	Barbara Smith
Web Site	Eldon Quick Jeffers Dodge

Members are encouraged to submit articles and political material for publication in the SCRW&M Newsletter.

SCRW&M reserves the right to accept, reject and edit letters and other editorial material.

Letters and editorial material must include the name, telephone number and address of the person making the submission.

SCRW&M does not return letters, photos, editorial material or other submissions.

Letters and editorial material may be mailed to: SCRW&M 2312 Cheremoya Ave. Los Angeles, CA. 90068 or email to: equick1@sbcglobal.net

All letters, photos and editorial material submitted shall become the property of SCRW&M and may be published in any format.



Website:
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**Deadline for
Jan. 2009
Newsletter**

SUBMISSIONS:
Jan 2nd, 2008

Mark Your Calenders

There are several 2nd Saturdays this coming year that fall on holiday 3 day weekends. Traditionally a SCRW&M meeting held on such a weekend has very low attendance. Therefore the Board has decided to hold the meeting on the first Saturday of the of those months with holiday conflicts.

Please mark your calenders, or tear out this page and post it on your bulletin board or refrigerator door so you don't show up on a Saturday when there is no meeting.

First or Second Saturday	Date	Theme	Lunch Selections
Second	Sat., January 10 th , 2009	"It's a New Year"	Blackened Salmon Cesar or Chicken Cesar
First	Sat., February 7 th , 2009 .	"Past Presidents"	Chicken Teriyaki or Chicken Cesar
Second	Sat., March 14 th , 2009	"The First 100 Days"	Sirloin of Beef or Chicken Cesar
First	Sat., April 4 th , 2009	"Current Events"	Daily Catch or Chicken Cesar
Second	Sat., May 9 th , 2009	"Honoring our Troops"	Chicken Buena Vista or Chicken Cesar
Second	Sat., June 13 th , 2009	"Upholding our Constitution"	Blackened Salmon Cesar or Chicken Cesar
Second	Sat., July 11 th , 2009.	"Happy Birthday America"	Chicken Teriyaki or Chicken Cesar
To Be Determined	August 2009	"Republican Club Outreach"	TBD
To Be Determined	September 2009	"CRP"	TBD
Second	Sat., October 10 th , 2009	"Nominating Committee Report"	Daily Catch or Chicken Cesar
Second	Sat., November 14 th , 2009	"Election of Officers"	Special Turkey plate or Chicken Cesar
First	Sat., December 5 th , 2009	"Installation of Officers"	Prime Rib or Chicken Cesar

Bill's Bills will not appear this month due to a miscommunication between the editor and the Saracino Word Factory. Instead the following is re-printed from a web site that disappeared when I went back to it for attribution. --Ed.

2009 California Legislature Begins

For a blissful 12 hours on Monday, December 1, California had no elected state lawmakers. At midnight the preceding night, the 2007-2008 legislative session ended and at noon on December 1, the new 2009-2010 session commenced.

There are 51 Democrats and 29 Republicans in the Assembly, with 10 Republican and 15 Democrat freshmen. In the Senate, there are 24 Democrats, 15 Republicans and one vacancy.



The same day legislators commenced the 2009-2010 session, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a fiscal emergency for California and called a special session of the legislature to deal with the crisis. "Without immediate action, our state is headed for a fiscal disaster where everyone will be hurt," Schwarzenegger said at a news conference this afternoon in his Los Angeles office. He urged Californians to press lawmakers to "get off their rigid ideologies." The state projects a \$28-billion deficit by mid-2010, but at the current rate is on track to run out of cash by February or March. The governor and majority party propose tax hikes and fee increases to cover the budget gap. However, Republicans have renewed their commitment to defeating any such tax increases, calling for state spending cuts instead.

Before the sun had set on the first day of the legislative session, the assault on Proposition 8 began. Senators Mark Leno (a former assemblyman now in the Senate) Christine Kehoe, along with Senate President ProTem Darrell Steinberg introduced a resolution calling on the California Supreme Court to overturn Proposition 8.

Echoing the lawsuits filed against the recently approved proposition, SR 7 claims Proposition 8 revises the constitution and will "eliminate a fundamental right only for a particular minority group" and would "severely undermine the foundational principle of equal protection."

Just last month 44 state lawmakers filed an amicus brief with the California Supreme Court, requesting the court to overturn Proposition 8. The 44 lawmakers believe that only the legislature should have the power to make policy decisions for Californians, despite their out-of-touch actions.

"We fully expected elitists in the legislature to challenge Proposition 8 at their first opportunity," stated Karen England, Executive Director of Capitol Resource Institute. "They certainly wasted no time in expressing their contempt for the people of California and our initiative process. We call on every lawmaker in the legislature to oppose SR 7 and it's arrogant disregard for the will of Californians."

Forum Highlights, a report by Eldon Quick

Not a Bunch of Happy Campers

Of course the results of the election were the main topic of the Forum, and feelings were running pretty high. The Republican Party, it seems, is at war with itself. The moderate "East Coast" Republicans responsible for the nomination of John McCain are at war with the more conservative wing of the Party, and vice versa. This weakens the party, produces apathy and reduces turnout.

Also against us was a stellar campaign by Obama's team which outspent the Republicans by almost 2 to 1. Wasn't using public money to finance a campaign a brilliant idea?

But primarily against us was the Main Stream Media and Republicans that pander to them. For the MSM the campaign began over 6 years ago when they set out to destroy the Republican Party by destroying its leaders, Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Scooter Libby, and lastly Sarah Palin. It's a hard combination to beat. Especially when the Republican leadership fails to confront the MSM and stand up for fellow Republicans.

The Democrats successfully targeted minority groups and marketed their message to them. They claimed the Republicans were against them, or didn't care about them, and they offered them rewards if they voted Democrat. "Should Republicans do the same thing?" Michael Lerew the Forum moderator asked. "No," was the general consensus. The Republicans must get their message out that they see America as a conglomeration of individuals not groups. It is the freedom of the individual, that makes America great, not the power of groups. According to some surveys about 60% of Americans are conservative in their social views. If given the choice between a free chicken or the right to earn it, they will take the work instead. True we have failed to counter the slander of Republicans in the minority communities and that hurt us; we need to do a better job of communicating to them that our world view is the same as theirs. Remember that while 90% of Blacks voted for Obama, 80% voted yes on Proposition 8.

It was pointed out that many of us have little or no contact with Democrats, and we should reach out to them also. We should engage Democrats, ask them questions with sincerity, not hostility, engage to bring them around to our point of view.

The strong bias in the news media and in the academic world against Republicans is a formidable obstacle to overcome. We can do some things though, one; support college Republican clubs, if you haven't been solicited for a donation to College Republicans, look them up and make a donation. Support FIRE, the organization that goes after college administrations that mistreat conservative students, two; boycott the liberal news media, boycott the companies that advertise in or on them. Three; support and campaign for Republican candidates for the School Board, the college regents, that is where it starts. Fourth; support alternate information sources with a conservative slant such as Jeffers Dodge's POPMODAL.COM web site, and other blogs and sites on the internet.

We still maintained that when a Conservative Republican runs against a Democrat, the Conservative wins, but when a Moderate Republican runs against a Democrat, the Democrat wins. The fundamental values of Conservatism; individual liberty, self reliance, low taxes, less government interference in our lives, rule of law, not whim of man, personal responsibility for your family, honesty and moral behavior, are the values the Party needs to return to. Not, 'do whatever it takes to get elected'. Not 'bring home the bacon with earmarks'. Not gain power for powers sake.

Come join the Forum beginning at 11:30 on Luncheon day.



Eldon Quick

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be delayed to 1:30 p.m. due to our Installation of Officers. Our political forum will begin at 11:30 a.m. as scheduled.

To accommodate holidays and events in 2009, we will have our 2009 luncheon meetings on a few **first** but mostly **second** Saturdays. We are also waiting to make a final decision on 2009 August and September luncheon dates until the California Republican Party (CRP) has posted their schedule. Please see the posted 2009 calendar in this newsletter. For your convenience we will also have a 2009 SCRW&M calendar handout at our meetings. We are looking forward to our 2009 agenda. You'll still find us at the Smoke House Restaurant in Burbank. We love the Smoke House !

Our next year of political activism will include club position papers. Each forum we will choose a "hot topic", take a position on the topic, mail our SCRW&M position paper to the appropriate politician, and post the correspondence at our website. Any member who is published stating this chosen topic in at least a weekly publication can bring in a copy of the article or letter for \$5 off their lunch.

For 2009 the executive board is challenging the membership of SCRW&M to not only vote and join us for our monthly luncheons, but to state the message of the Republican Party clearly and often. Republicans have a great message including, 1. limited government and 2. less taxes ! We hope you join us to share what is important to you.



Notes from the Board

At the November 8th 2008 luncheon Barbara Smith, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, addressed the membership.

The Nominating Committee again submitted the nominations for officers of the Executive Board for the year 2009. Nominations from the floor were called for. Since no nominations were made from the floor, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. The newly nominated Slate of Officers were elected by a voice vote of the members present.

Newly elected officers of the Executive Board for the year 2009 are as follows.

- President.....Brenda Montaine
- 1st Vice President.....Eldon Quick
- 2nd Vice President.....Michael Lerew
- 3rd Vice President.....Jeffers Dodge
- Treasurer.....William Saracino
- Recording Secretary.....Susan Quick
- Corresponding Secretary.....Louise Clarke Stone

Following installation the President may call on members of the membership to be part of the leadership as an appointed officer or as a chairperson of a standing committee.

The Board of Directors of SCRW&M shall consist of the elective officers together with the chairmen of all standing committees.

Membership

Dues Due

Dues for membership as a member of the Southern California Republican Women and Men for the year 2009 are now due.

You may pay by mail to Bill Saracino, 3625 Angelus Ave. Glendale, CA. 91208. Or, bring a check to a meeting and give it to Brenda at the check-in-desk.

SCRW&M Membership Application

The undersigned registered Republican does hereby submit this application for membership in

Name of Applicant as Registered (Please Print or Type) () Area Code Telephone Number

Registered Address: Street City State Zip Code

Signature of Applicant E-mail Address Name of Applicant's Sponsor

Date of Application ___/___/___ New Membership Membership Renewal

Membership Level: ___Regular(\$25) ___Patron (\$50) ___Golden (\$75) ___Eagle (\$100) ___Patriot (\$200)

Make check payable to: SCRW&M Mail to: SCRW&M, Membership, 3625 Angelus Ave. Glendale, CA. 91208

Saturday, Dec. 13th, 2008

Featured Speaker

Judge Marlene Kristovich

Swearing in of 2009 Board

THE SMOKE HOUSE

*Founded in 1946 at the corner of Pass & Riverside in Burbank.
The original restaurant seated 46 people, and was enjoyed by local luminaries Bob Hope and Bing Crosby (among others) on its opening night.*

4420 West Lakeside Drive
Burbank, California 91505

Political Forum at 11:30 am

Luncheon at 1:30 pm

Members: \$25 Non-Members: \$40

Reservations by Dec. 11th, 2008

For Reservations

Call: Barbara Smith (323) 849-7420

Or E-mail: scrwmresrvations@juno.com

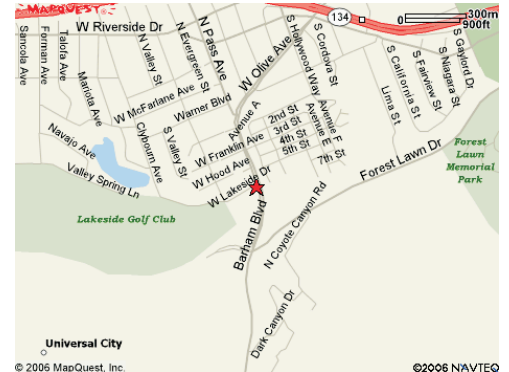
Mark Your Calendar for 2008/2009!

Dec. 13th Luncheon
Installation 2009 Board

Jan. 10th Luncheon

Feb. 7th Luncheon
(Note: First instead of 2nd Saturday)

Mar. 14th Luncheon



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